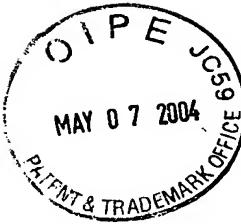


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In re Application of: Karl Lubitz et al.  
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Date Filed: October 29, 2003  
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Examiner: Dougherty, Thomas M.  
Title: **ADDITIONAL CONTACTING FOR AN ELECTRICAL  
COMPONENT AND PIEZOELECTRIC COMPONENT  
IN THE FORM OF A MULTILAYER STRUCTURE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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I hereby certify that this Response to Election/Restriction Requirement is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail No. **EV35239358945** addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

  
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Jay Howard

May 7, 2004

Date

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This paper is filed in response to the election/restriction requirement dated April 8, 2004. The Examiner is requiring an election of one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-9, drawn to a contact for an electrical component, classified in class 439, subclass 1+.
- II. Claims 10-20, drawn to a multilayer piezoelectric component, classified in class 310, subclass 366.

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Applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-9. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the cancelled claims (Claims 10-20) at a later date.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for examination and allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants believe no further fee is due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2606.

Respectfully submitted,

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